

from among all the destination groups sent back from the image server, and send to the image server at least the specified group together with a group registration request to register the image communication apparatus with the specified group after specifying the group, and

distribution managing means, provided on the side of the image server, which sends to the image communication apparatus all the destination groups according to the request sent from the image communication apparatus to send all the destination groups, and after a destination group is specified by the image communication apparatus, registers the image communication apparatus with the specified destination group.

12. (Twice Amended) An image data distribution method wherein an image server has information on destination groups formed of members selected from among a plurality of image communication apparatuses, and the information are memorized on a storage memory, and wherein the image data will be sent out to the respective members of the destination group specified by the destination information, said method comprising:

requesting from an image communication apparatus for the image server to send back all the destination groups,

sending all the destination groups from said image server to said image communication apparatus in response to the request from the image communication apparatus for sending all the destination groups,

sending from an input manipulation means provided in the image communication apparatus a request for registration of the image communication apparatus with a destination group, and at least a specified destination group specified by the image communication apparatus, and

registering said image communication apparatus with the specified destination group

according to the group registration request and the specified destination group sent from said image communication apparatus.